Animal Product Manual

Reference

Milk and Milk Products

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Introduction

The *Milk and Milk Products* section covers all products derived from milk, including the following products for which examples are listed:

- **♦** Cultured milk products and their dry derivatives
- **♦** Dry milk products
- ◆ Fresh, chilled or frozen milk products that are pasteurized and require refrigeration
- ◆ Shelf-stable milk products that are heat processed to an extent that refrigeration is **not** necessary
- ◆ Shelf-stable food products that contain milk or milk products, usually prepackaged for individual use

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Miscellaneous products derived from milk that do not logically fit into one of the above divisions



Disregard all dates stamped on cans or labels of milk or milk products. These dates are **only** for quality control and have **no** application for determining admissibility.



Never apply 9CFR 94.11 to milk or milk products. This CFR restricts importations of meat and meat products from specified countries. The specified countries listed under 9CFR 94.11 are free from FMD; therefore, the live animal population is considered free from FMD.

Milk and milk products are **not** regulated according to the BSE status of a country.

Cultured Milk Products

- ♦ Acidophilus milk
- Cultured buttermilk
- **♦** Cultured cream
- ◆ Cultured milk-based soft drinks (such as CALPIS®)
- ◆ Crème frâiche¹
- ♦ Lactic acid
- **♦** Ripened cream butter
- Sour cream
- ♦ Sour cream dip
- Yogurt, including dry yogurt products (such as jub-jub, kashk, kaskg, kishk, kurut, and kushuk that are concentrated to a dryness and may be infused with herbs, spices, dry fruits, or cereals)

Dry Milk Products

- Dry buttermilk
- ◆ Dry ice cream mix

¹ Crème Frâiche is prohibited entry by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). If this product is encountered, refer the importation to U.S. Customs for referral to an FDA inspector.

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- ◆ Dry milk fractions, such as:
 - Casein
 - Caseinate
 - Galactose
 - Glucose (milk sugar)
 - **❖** Lactase
 - **❖** Lactalbumin
 - Lactoglobulin
 - **❖** Lactose (milk sugar)
 - **❖** Milk protein concentrate
 - Total milk protein
- Dry whey
- **♦** Dry whole milk
- ♦ Formula, infant milk
- ◆ Formulations containing dry milk products, such as:
 - Baking mixes
 - Hot cocoa mixes
 - **❖** Instant cake mixes
 - Instant pudding mixes
 - Potato flakes
- **♦** Lactulose
- ◆ Nonfat dry milk
- ♦ Powdered milk

Fresh Milk Products

The following are fresh (chilled or frozen) milk products that are pasteurized and require refrigeration:

- ◆ Cream, including half-and-half and heavy cream
- ♦ Ice cream
- ♦ Milk and skim milk
- **♦** Sherbet
- ♦ Whey

Canned or Packaged Shelf-Stable Milk Products, Including Mixtures

The following are shelf-stable milk products that are heat processed to an extent that refrigeration is **not** necessary:

- ◆ Canned cream
- Canned milk
- Condensed milk (sweetened and unsweetened)
- Evaporated milk
- Hot-pack cream cheese
- Hot-pack sour cream
- ◆ Lactalbumin (including dry powder)
- Lactulose (powder or syrup)
- ◆ Long-life milk
- Sterilized milk
- Sterilized yogurt
- ♦ Sweet cultured cream
- ♦ Sweetened milk



Some processes that make the milk shelf stable are **not** necessarily sufficient to inactivate the FMD virus. Some processes use a combination of sugar and heat to help preserve the product, such as condensed and sweetened milk.

Canned or Packaged Shelf-Stable Products Containing Milk or Milk Products

The following are shelf-stable food products (usually prepackaged for individual use) that contain milk or milk products in addition to other ingredients:

- Baby or infant formula
- ◆ Candy
- **♦** Confectioneries
- **♦** Cream and cheese soups

Miscellaneous Products Derived from Milk

- Butter
- Butter oil
- Cheese, hard

- ♦ Cheese, soft
- **♦** Clotted cream
- ◆ Ghee (clarified butter)
- ◆ Liquid cheese or cheese that pours like heavy cream Clotted cream

Milk or Milk Products Transiting the United States

When milk or milk products are merely transiting the United States, follow the special procedures for *Animal Products or By-Products Transiting for Export* on page 2-4-35.

Milk or Milk Products Moving Under a VS Permit

When a VS permit authorizes entry of a milk product, match the following information on the shipping documents with that on the permit:

- **♦** Conditions spelled out on the permit
- **♦** Consignee
- **♦** Current date
- **♦** Description of the material
- **♦** Shipper

Follow Table 3-14-1 as you match the permit with the shipping documents.

TABLE 3-14-1 Validate Importation Authorized Entry by a VS Permit

If the shipping documents:	And the:	Then:
Match the permit	-	RELEASE or CONTROL as specified on the permit
Do not match the permit	Permit has expired	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD HAVE the consignee contact VS, TTSPS (see page 2-4-28) SAFEGUARD the importation until you hear from VS, TTSPS
	Discrepancy is other than an expired permit	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD CONTACT PPQ-VRS-AQI, VMO or PPQ-VRS-HQ personnel for further action (see Appendix H)

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When a VS permit **does not** accompany an importation of the milk or milk products, use **Table 3-14-2** to determine the appropriate regulatory action to take.

TABLE 3-14-2 Determine Where to Find the Regulatory Action on Milk or Milk Products Not Authorized by a VS Permit

If the milk or milk product is:	And:	And:	Then:
Cheese, with or without meat	Hard or processed	-	GO to Table 3-14-6
	Liquid or soft		GO to Table 3-14-7
Concentrated, evaporated, or condensed milk	Sugar is listed as an ingredient		GO to Table 3-14-5
	Sugar is not listed as an ingredient	-	RELEASE
Cultured milk products, including dried forms ¹		-	RELEASE
Dry milk or dry milk product	Is a fixative in a potpourri mixture		RELEASE
	Other than a fixative in potpourri		GO to Table 3-14-3
Ice cream or frozen desert		-	GO to Table 3-14-4
Liquid infant formula	Perishable		GO to Table 3-14-4
	Shelf stable	Sugar is listed as an ingredient	GO to Table 3-14-5
		Sugar is not listed as an ingredient	RELEASE
Milk, cream, or eggnog	Perishable		GO to Table 3-14-4
	Shelf stable	Sugar is listed as an ingredient	GO to Table 3-14-5
		Sugar is not listed as an ingredient	RELEASE
Miscellaneous dairy product or item contains a	Butter, butter oil, buttons made from casein or ghee		RELEASE
dairy product	Candy or confectioneries having milk as an ingredient, including cajeta and dulce de leche		
	Dairy product is an ingredient along with meat or some other animal-derived product ²		GO to Table 3-14-9

¹ Such as acidophilus milk, buttermilk, cultured cream, dahi, doogh, jaja, jub-jub, kashk, kaskg, katyk, kefir, kishk, koumiss, kurut, kushuk, laban, laben, leben, madzoon, mast, cultured milk-based soft drinks (such as CALPIS®), qurut, raib, ripened cream butter, rob, roba, sour cream, sour cream dip, smenta, tiaourti, taho, yaourt, yogurt, zabady, and zabade.

² Such as milk replacers for livestock, prepared foods, soups, and starters.

Dry Milk Products, Including Mixtures of Dry Milk Products

TABLE 3-14-3 Action on Dry Milk Products, Including Mixtures of Dry Milk Products

If the product is:	And the country of origin is:	And:	And:	Then:
◆ Dry buttermilk◆ Dry milk	Canada		Appropriately certified ²	RELEASE
◆ Dry milk fraction¹			Lacks the required certification	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer the opportunity to obtain the appropriate certification
Dry wheyInfant formula	Other than Canada	Free from FMD	Appropriately certified ³	RELEASE
 Mixture of dry milk products Nonfat dry milk Powdered milk Total milk 			Lacks the required certification ³	 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the following options: Obtain the appropriate certification Consign the shipment to an approved establishment
protein (usually packed in bulk bags or		Affected with FMD	Consigned to an approved establishment	AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS Form 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete form)
drums)			Not consigned to an approved establishment	 DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer with the following options: Consign the shipment to an approved establishment Apply for a VS permit (see page 2-4-27)
Formulations containing dry milk products		-	Commercially labeled for household or institutional use ⁴	RELEASE
Lactulose			-	

- 1 Casein, caseinate, galactose, glucose, lactalbumin, lactoglobulin, and lactose.
- 2 Any one of the following is sufficient proof of Canadian origin:
 - Original certificate signed by a Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) official, stating that the product originated in Canada or was legally imported into Canada (may be quarterly certificate)
 - ♦ North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) certificate of origin (also known as Customs Form 434, available at <www.customs.gov/download/forms/pdf/434.pdf>); this form is also acceptable if produced on company letterhead or Canadian letterhead
 - ◆ Invoice listing is a Canadian vendor
 - ◆ Labels, commercially printed, that indicate the material is a product of Canada

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3 Certification, endorsed by the Veterinary Service of the originating country or region, that has the following statement:

The milk/milk product was processed in [name of country], a region listed in 9CFR 94.1(a)(2), from milk produced in [name of country], a region listed in 9CFR 94.1(a)(2) as free of foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest. The milk/milk product has never been in any region where foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest exists, except when moving under seal as described in 9CFR 94.16(c).

4 Includes baking mixes, cocoa mixes, drink mixes, instant cake mixes, instant pudding mixes, liquid drink mixes containing reconstituted dry milk or dry milk products (including those that contain sugar), and potato flakes.

Non Shelf-Stable Milk and Milk Products

TABLE 3-14-4 Non Shelf-Stable Milk and Milk Products

If the fresh, chilled or frozen milk or milk product is:	If the country of origin is:	And:	And:	Then:			
◆ Chocolate milk◆ Clotted cream	Canada		Is appropriately certified ¹	RELEASE			
		_	Lacks the required	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD			
◆ Eggnog◆ Flavored milk			certification	2. PROVIDE the importer the opportunity to obtain the appropriate certification			
◆ Half-and-half	Other than Canada	Affected with FMD	Is accompanied by a VS issued permit	RELEASE or CONTROL as specified on the permit			
◆ Heavy cream			Lacks a VS issued	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD			
◆ Ice cream		permit	permit	2. ADVISE the importer that the importer			
◆ Infant formula				requires a VS permit to enter 3. PROVIDE the importer with the			
◆ Lactose-free milk				appropriate options including how to			
◆ Milk				apply for a permit (see page 2-4-27)			
◆ Sherbert		Free from	Is appropriately	RELEASE			
◆ Skim milk		FMD	FMD	FMD	_	certified ²	1 DO NOT DELEASE IL LIGID
◆ Whey			Lacks the required certification ²	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD2. PROVIDE the importer the opportunity			
◆ Whipping cream				to obtain the appropriate certification			
◆ Mixtures of the		Unknown or		1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD			
above products		not identifiable		2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options			
				(see Table 2-2-11)			
Other than one				1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD			
listed in the cell above				2. CONTACT PPQ-VRS-AQI, VMO or VRS-HQ for direction			
-				(see Appendix H)			

- 1 Any one of the following is sufficient proof of Canadian origin:
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 - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) certificate of origin (also known as Customs Form 434, available at <www.customs.gov/download/forms/pdf/434.pdf>); this form is also acceptable if produced on company letterhead or Canadian letterhead
 - Invoice listing is a Canadian vendor
 - ◆ Labels, commercially printed, that indicate the material is a product of Canada
- 2 A certificate endorsed by the Veterinary Service of the originating country or region, that has the following statement:

The milk/milk product was processed in [name of country], a region listed in 9CFR 94.1(a)(2), from milk produced in [name of country], a region listed in 9CFR 94.1(a)(2) as free of foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest. The milk/milk product has never been in any region where foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest exists, except when moving under seal as described in 9CFR 94.16(c).

Milk Products With Sugar as an Ingredient

If the product is a milk product with sugar listed as an ingredient, which includes sweetened milk, sweetened condensed milk, mixtures of sweetened milk or sweetened condensed milk, and sweetened shelf-stable milk, sweetened shelf-stable cream, and sweetened shelf-stable eggnog, then see **Table 3-14-5** below to determine the action to take.

If the product is canned or packaged shelf-stable product that contains dry milk or powdered milk (as opposed to whole milk), then see **Table 3-14-3 on page 3-14-7**.

TABLE 3-14-5 Action for Sweetened Milk, Sweetened Condensed Milk, Sweetened Milk Mixtures, and Sweetened Shelf-Stable Milk, Cream, or Eggnog

Sweetened Shell Stable Wilk, Greath, or Egynog				
If the product is:	And the country of origin is known to be:	And is:	And the shipment:	Then:
Sweetened milk with sugar listed	Canada		Is appropriately certified ¹	RELEASE
as an ingredient Sweetened condensed milk with sugar listed		>	Lacks the required certification	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer the opportunity to obtain the appropriate certification
as an ingredient◆ Sweetened milk	Other than Canada	Affected with FMD	Is accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE or CONTROL as specified on the permit
mixtures or sweetened condensed milk	ixtures or weetened		Lacks a VS permit	REFUSE ENTRY
mixtures with sugar listed as an ingredient		Free from FMD		RELEASE
◆ Sweetened, shelf-stable milk, cream, eggnog, or liquid infant formula with sugar listed as an ingredient				

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 - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) certificate of origin (also known as CBP Form 434, available at http://www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/toolbox/forms/f); this form is also acceptable if produced on company letterhead or Canadian letterhead
 - Invoice listing is a Canadian vendor
 - ◆ Labels, commercially printed, that indicate the material is a product of Canada

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Hard or Processed Cheese

TABLE 3-14-6 Action to Take on Hard or Processed Cheese

If the cheese is:	And:	Then:
◆ Pasteurized, processed cheese (such as processed cheese, processed	Contains meat	GO to Table 3-14-8
cheese food, processed cheese spread, processed cheese products) excludes cold pack cheese	Contains no meat	RELEASE
◆ Solid cheese (hard or soft) including feta cheese or cheese in brine		

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Liquid or Soft Cheese

TABLE 3-14-7 Action to Take on Liquid or Soft Cheese

If the cheese is:	And the country of origin is:	And is known to be:	And:	Then:
◆ Cottage cheese	Canada		Appropriately certified ¹	RELEASE
◆ Ricotta cheese			Lacks the required certification ¹	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer the opportunity to obtain the appropriate certification
	Other than Canada	Affected with FMD	Accompanied by a VS-issued permit	RELEASE or CONTROL as specified on the permit
			Lacks a VS-issued permit	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD ADVISE the importer that the importation requires a VS permit to enter PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options, including how to apply for a permit (see page 2-4-27)
		Free from FMD	Accompanied by appropriate certification ²	RELEASE
			Lacks appropriate certification ²	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
◆ Liquid cheese	Canada		Appropriately certified ¹	RELEASE
◆ Cheese that pours like heavy cream (such as Cheeseflo		-	Lacks the required certification ¹	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer the opportunity to obtain the appropriate certification
from Great Britain,	Other than Canada	Affected with FMD	Is accompanied by a VS-issued permit	RELEASE or CONTROL as specified on the permit
mascarpone from Italy, requeijao from Brazil, Vacherin Mont d'Or from France)			Lacks a VS-issued permit	 DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD ADVISE the importer that the importation requires a VS permit to enter PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options, including how to apply for a permit (see page 2-4-27)
	Is from a country known to be free	Free from FMD	Is accompanied by appropriate certification ²	RELEASE
	known to be free from FMD		Lacks appropriate certification ²	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

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- 1 Any one of the following is sufficient proof of Canadian origin:
 - Original certificate signed by a Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) official, stating that the product originated in Canada or was legally imported into Canada (may be quarterly certificate)
 - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) certificate of origin (also known as Customs Form 434, available at <www.customs.gov/download/forms/pdf/434.pdf>); this form is also acceptable if produced on company letterhead or Canadian letterhead
 - ◆ Invoice listing is a Canadian vendor
 - ◆ Labels, commercially printed, that indicate the material is a product of Canada
- 2 A certificate endorsed by the Veterinary Service of the originating country or region, that has the following statement:

The milk/milk product was processed in [name of country], a region listed in 9CFR 94.1(a)(2), from milk produced in [name of country], a region listed in 9CFR 94.1(a)(2) as free of foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest. The milk/milk product has never been in any region where foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest exists, except when moving under seal as described in 9CFR 94.16(c)

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Solid Cheese and Pasteurized, Processed Cheese Containing Meat

TABLE 3-14-8 Regulatory Action on Solid Cheese and Pasteurized Processed Cheese that Contains Meat

If the meat source is:	And the country of origin is known to be:	And the percentage of meat in the solid cheese or pasteurized processed is:	And the importation:	Then:
Ruminant	Affected with BSE		-	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer with the
	Affected with BSE in combination with FMD	-		appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
	Minimal risk for BSE ¹	Greater than 2% meat	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1	REFER to FSIS
			Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
		2% or less meat	Is accompanied by CFIA A-4	RELEASE
			Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-4	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
	Free from BSE and FMD		Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ²	RELEASE
			Lacks the appropriate certification ²	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer with the opportunity to obtain the appropriate certification
	Free from BSE, but infected with		Is accompanied by a VS-issued permit	RELEASE or control as specified on the permit
	FMD		Lacks the required VS-issued permit	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD ADVISE the importer that the importation requires a VS permit to enter PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options, including how to apply for a permit (see page 2-4-27)

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TABLE 3-14-8 Regulatory Action on Solid Cheese and Pasteurized Processed Cheese that Contains Meat

If the meat source is:	And the country of origin is known to be:	And the percentage of meat in the solid cheese or pasteurized processed is:	And the importation:	Then:
Swine	Affected with ASF, CSF, FMD,		Is accompanied by a VS-issued permit	RELEASE or control as specified on the permit
	or SVD		Lacks a VS-issued permit	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD ADVISE the importer that the importation requires a VS permit to enter PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options, including how to apply for a permit (see page 2-4-27)
	Free from ASF, CSF, FMD, and SVD		Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ²	RELEASE
			Lacks the appropriate certification ²	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer with the opportunity to obtain the appropriate certification

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The milk/milk product was processed in [name of country], a region listed in 9CFR 94.1(a)(2), from milk produced in [name of country], a region listed in 9CFR 94.1(a)(2) as free of foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest. The milk/milk product has never been in any region where foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest exists, except when moving under seal as described in 9CFR 94.16(c).

² A certificate endorsed by the Veterinary Service of the originating country or region, that has the following statement:

Milk Products or Mixtures that Contain Milk Products

Mixtures that Contain Milk Products with Other Animal-Derived **Ingredients**

TABLE 3-14-9 Mixtures that Contain Milk Products With Other Animal-Derived Ingredients

If the:	And the mixture Is for:	And:	Then:
Mixture contains milk	ontains milk consumption (such as cream of chicken nimal-derived consumption soup, cream of	Canned, shelf stable (non-perishable)	GO to Table 3-14-10
products with other animal-derived ingredients		Other than canned, shelf stable (product is perishable)	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. ADVISE the importer that the importation requires a VS permit to enter 3. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options, including how to apply for a permit (see page 2-4-27)
	Livestock consumption (such as lamb starter, pig starter, veal starter)	One of the ingredients is a rendered product (such as meat meal or blood meal) from poultry, ruminant, or swine	GO to Table 3-14-11
		None of the ingredients is a rendered product	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD CONTACT PPQ-VRS-AQI, VMO or VRS-HQ for direction (see Appendix H)
	Use other than described above		DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD CONTACT PPQ-VRS-AQI, VMO or VRS-HQ for direction (see Appendix H)

Canned, Shelf-Stable Products that Contain Milk Products and Meat

TABLE 3-14-10 Action to Take on Canned, Shelf-Stable Products that Contain Milk Products and Meat

If:	And the country of origin is:	And the product contains:	And the content is:	And:	Then:
Canned, shelf-stable product that contains milk products and meat	Affected with BSE	Ruminant meat		-	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
		Poultry meat	Greater than 2% meat	-	REFER to FSIS
			2% or less meat		RELEASE
		Swine meat	Greater than 2% meat		REFER to FSIS
			2% or less meat		RELEASE
	Minimal risk for BSE ¹	Bovine (cattle, bison, buffalo,	Greater than 2% meat	Accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1 Certificate	REFER to FSIS
		yak)		Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1 Certificate	PROHIBIT ENTRY
			2% or less meat	Accompanied by CFIA Annex A-4	RELEASE
	◆ Caprine (goat)		Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-4 Certificate	PROHIBIT ENTRY	
		◆ Caprine (goat)◆ Ovine (sheep)		Accompanied by CFIA Annex A-2	RELEASE
		▼ Ovine (Sheep)	-	Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-2 Certificate	PROHIBIT ENTRY
	Free from BSE			-	RELEASE

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Milk Feed, Milk Replacer, and Feed Products that Contain Milk Along With Rendered or Processed Animal Proteins

TABLE 3-14-11 Milk Feed, Milk Replacer, and Feed Products that Contain Milk Along With Rendered or Processed Animal Proteins

If:	If the country of origin is known to be:	And the shipment:	Then:
◆ Milk feed	Affected with BSE	Is accompanied by a VS-issued	RELEASE or CONTROL as specified on the permit
◆ Milk replacer	202	permit	opcomed on the permit
◆ Feed products that contain milk along with rendered or processed animal proteins		Lacks a VS-issued permit	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD ADVISE the importer that the importation requires a VS permit to enter PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see page 2-4-27)
	Minimal risk for BSE ¹	Is accompanied by a VS-issued permit	RELEASE or CONTROL as specified on the permit
		Lacks a VS-issued permit	 DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD ADVISE the importer that the importation requires a VS permit to enter PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see page 2-4-27)
	Free from BSE	Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ²	RELEASE
	Lacks the appropriate certification ¹	DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer with the opportunity to obtain the appropriate certification	

- 1 Currently Canada is the **only** country designated at minimal risk for BSE.
- 2 An original certificate signed by a full-time veterinarian of the agency responsible for animal health in the exporting region and declaring the following:
 - ◆ Animal species from which the material was derived
 - ◆ Region where any facility in which the material was processed is located
 - ◆ Material was derived **only** from animals that have **never** been in any region listed in 9CFR 94.18(a)
 - Materials did not originate in and was never stored, rendered, or otherwise processed in a region listed 9CFR 94.18(a)
 - Material was not otherwise associated with a facility location in a region listed in 9CFR 94.18(a)